

WARREN HEGG DESCRIBES HOW YOUTH HEALTH ADVOCATES HELPS MOBLIZE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO COME TOGETHER AND PROMOTE BETTER EDUCATION, BETTER HEALTH, AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY. CHELSEA MAO DESCRIBED HOW SHE GOT INVOLVED IN THE DIGITAL CLUB HOUSE, WHICH LED HER TO THE YOUTH HEALTH ADVOCATES PROGRAM, WHERE SHE NOW IS THE WEB MANAGER MAO EXPLAINS THAT THE PROGRAM IS ATTEMPTING TO GET YOUTH TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM OF OBESITY, HOW IT CAN BE AVOIDED, AND HOW TO TAKE THE MESSAGE THAT THEY HAVE LEARNED AND SHARE IT WITH OTHERS THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS. HEGG TALKS ABOUT HOW YOUTH HEALTH ADVOCATES WILL BE KICKING OFF THIS YEAR'S LIVING WELL EXPO WITH A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES TO GET THE YOUTH ACTIVE AND INVOLVED. HEGG ALSO EXPLAINS HOW THIS YEAR THEY WILL BE INTRODUCING A FILM FESTIVAL WHERE THEY WILL PICK THE BEST PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOLS, HIGH SCHOOLS, AND COLLEGE STUDENTS, WHICH WILL BE AIRED THE SUNDAY AFTER THE LIVING WELL EXPO.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM 09/02/2007 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH OAKLAND ROTARY-OAKLAND READS REPRESENTATIVES KRISHEN LAESCH AND ROBERT KID. OAKLAND READS IS A NEW INITIATIVE CONDUCTED BY THE OAKLAND ROTARY CLUB, WHICH AIMS AT PROVIDING 3 BOOKS TO EVERY 3RD GRADER IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AROUND THE EAST BAY AND OAKLAND AREA. LAESCH EXPLAINS THAT THE KIDS BEING TARGETED DO NOT HAVE BOOKS OR EVEN MAGAZINES IN THEIR HOMES. THEY HAVE TELEVISIONS INSTEAD. THE HOPE IS TO HELP KIDS START A LIBRARY IN THEIR HOMES OR HELP EXPAND EXISTING LIBRARIES. KID EXPLAINS THAT THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THE ROTARY CLUB PROVIDES SPEAK TO ALL ELEMENTS AND FACETS OF THE EAST BAY AND OAKLAND LIFE. THEIR INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS RANGE FROM THOSE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN TO PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY. KID CLAIMS THAT THE OAKLAND ROTARY CLUB IS THE 3RD OLDEST AND LARGEST ROTARY CLUB THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE ROTARY CLUB IS SET TO HOST AN UPCOMING EVENT CALLED "TASTE OF CALIFORNIA." LAESCH SAYS THE OUTDOOR EVENT WILL HAVE SOME OF THE BEST FOOD, WINES, ICE CREAM AND MORE. THE OAKLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA IS SCHEDULED TO

PERFORM DURING THE EVENT. "TASTE OF CALIFORNIA" WILL BE HELD AT OAKLAND'S MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA GARDEN COURT ON SEPTEMBER 23RD, FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 09/04/2007 REPORTED THAT THERE'S A LEGITIMATE DISCONNECTION BETWEEN THE COST OF LIVING AND A STARTING SCHOOL TEACHER'S SALARY. AS PART OF AN OVERALL EFFORT TO HEAD OFF WIDENING DISPARITIES BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATION, THE CITY HAS BEEN RAISING GRANT MONEY TO HELP EDUCATORS GET A HEAD START ON RENTAL DEPOSITS AND MOVING EXPENSES. IN THE COMING WEEKS, MORE THAN A DOZEN SAN JOSE TEACHERS WILL BE AWARDED WITH FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANTS AS PART OF WHAT THEY'RE CALLING THE TEACH HERE LIVE HERE PROGRAM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/14/2007 REPORTED THAT ONE HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO IS TEACHING ITS STUDENTS TO BE CONSCIOUS OF THE ENVIRONMENT BY GOING GREEN ITSELF.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM 09/16/2007 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH MARK MCGRATH, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR THE KIDS FAIRE FAMILY EXPO. MCGRATH EXCITEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT THIS YEAR IS BARNEY'S RETURN TO THE BAY AREA, AND IT WILL BE HIS ONLY STAGE APPEARANCE. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE SHOWS FROM STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AND CABBAGE PATCH KIDS, ALL ON THE MAIN STAGE. HE MENTIONED TWO EXTRA STAGES AT THE FAIRE THAT WILL CATER TO FAMILY INTERACTION AND FOURTEEN FAMILY ADVENTURE ZONES THAT INCLUDES PUMPKIN DECORATING, PRIVATE COVE ADVENTURE, AND PRINCESS PAVILION. KNOWN FOR HELPING VARIOUS PROGRAMS, MCGRATH STATED THAT THIS YEAR'S BENEFICIARY, RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE, WOULD BE RECEIVING A PERCENTAGE OF EACH TICKET. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22ND AND 23RD FROM TEN AM TO FIVE PM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/24/2007 REPORTED THAT THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS IS MARKING 50 YEARS SINCE ITS FAMOUS CIVIL RIGHTS SHOWDOWN INVOLVING THE "LITTLE ROCK NINE." THEY ARE THE NINE AFRICAN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO WERE INTEGRATED INTO THE CITY'S CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS WAR. FEDERAL TROOPS ESCORTED THE STUDENTS INTO THE SCHOOL DESPITE OPPOSITION FROM THEN ARKANSAS GOVERNOR, ORVAL FAUBUS, AND OUTRAGED WHITE MOBS. LAST NIGHT, THE NINE FORMER STUDENTS WERE HONORED AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION. THE WEEK LONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WILL CULMINATE WITH A CEREMONY FEATURING FORMER PRESIDENT AND ARKANSAS GOVERNOR, BILL CLINTON.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/03/2007 REPORTED THAT FIREFIGHTERS ARE MAKING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TODAY IN BATTLING THE ANGORA FIRE IN LAKE TAHOE. IT IS SEVENTY PERCENT CONTAINED THE FOCUS OF THEIR EFFORTS IS NOW ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE FIRE. THE NUMBER OF DESTROYED HOMES IS NOW UP TO 254. 3500 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES SINCE SUNDAY. MANY WILL BE ALLOWED BACK IN THIS MORNING STARTING AT EIGHT. ABOUT 500 FIREFIGHTERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED FROM THE FIRE TODAY, LEAVING AROUND 1500. FIREFIGHTERS PLAN TO RELEASE NEW INFORMATION TODAY ABOUT THE CAUSE. THEY BELIEVE PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE, BUT THAT IT WAS PROBABLY AN ACCIDENT. THERE ARE STRONG WINDS STILL IN THE FORECAST THROUGH TOMORROW, SO NEIGHBORS ARE NOT LETTING THEIR GUARD DOWN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/30/2007 REPORTED THAT FIRE CREWS ARE STILL AT THE SCENE OF A RESTAURANT FIRE IN SANTA CLARA. IT HAPPENED EARLY THIS MORNING AT THE CHINA WAY RESTAURANT ON EL

CAMINO REAL NEAR LAWRENCE EXPRESSWAY. SMOKE AND FLAMES POURED INTO THE NIGHT SKY FROM THE ROOF OF THE CHINA WAY RESTAURANT JUST AFTER FOUR THIS MORNING. MOTEL MANAGER DANNY PATEL WAS SLEEPING NEXT DOOR AT THE ECONOLODGE. HE SAYS A MAN ON A BIKE ALERTED HIM THAT TROUBLE WAS BREWING. A SINGLE ALARM FIRE QUICKLY JUMPED TO THREE ALARMS. FIREFIGHTERS FROM SANTA CLARA AND SUNNYVALE BATTLED THE FLAMES AT THE RESTAURANT ON EL CAMINO REAL AND FLORA VISTA AVENUE. WITH THE STREET BLOCKED OFF, LADDER TRUCKS SPRAYED WATER FROM THE OUTSIDE AS FIREFIGHTERS TRIED TO PROTECT ADJACENT BUSINESSES. THEY SAY A FIREWALL HELPED STOP THE FLAMES FROM SPREADING, BUT EVEN HOURS LATER AT DAYBREAK THEY STILL SPRAYED DOWN THE CHARRED RESTAURANT. NEXT DOOR, GUESTS WERE LET BACK IN, BUT NOT AFTER BEING ROCKED OUT OF THEIR SLEEP.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/13/2007 REPORTED THAT A WEEK AFTER A COAL MINE COLLAPSED IN UTAH, ONE MINER WHO MADE IT OUT ALIVE SAYS HE FELT NOTHING AND ONLY LEARNED ABOUT THE COLLAPSE BY TEXT MESSAGE. MEANWHILE, FAMILY AND CO-WORKERS CONTINUE TO HOLD OUT HOPE THE SIX MISSING MINERS WILL BE FOUND. NBC11'S LEANNE GREGG IS LIVE IN UTAH WHERE A THIRD HOLE WILL BE DUG TODAY, IN THE LATEST ATTEMPT TO FIND THE MEN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/23/2007 REPORTED THAT A MOUNTAIN LION SCARE AT A NAPA SCHOOL THIS MORNING CANCELED CLASSES. THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND POLICE CONTINUE SCOURING A NEIGHBORHOOD IN NORTH NAPA LOOKING FOR THE BIG CAT. NEIGHBORS SPOTTED THE MOUNTAIN LION NEAR SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ON LINDA VISTA AVENUE, JUST AFTER SEVEN THIS MORNING. THE SCHOOL WAS PUT ON LOCKDOWN SOON AFTER, AND EVENTUALLY CANCELLED CLASSES. OFFICERS BELIEVE THE MOUNTAIN LION IS GONE FROM THE SCHOOL AREA, BUT THEY ARE SEARCHING THE NEIGHBORHOOD JUST IN CASE. NO ONE WAS HURT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/23/2007 REPORTED THAT A SPIKE IN DEADLY ACCIDENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS SPURRED POLICE TO CRACKDOWN ON PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS. THEY HAVE PINPOINTED THE MOST DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS, AND PLAN TO INCREASE PATROLS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. PARK PRECIDIO BLVD. AND FULTON IS ONE OF SAN FRANCISCO'S MOST DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS. PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA THINK TWICE BEFORE CROSSING THE STREET. AND PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL BY FOOT IN THE CITY SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR CARS AND BUSES. THAT'S BECAUSE SO FAR THIS YEAR, 34 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED ON SAN FRANCISCO STREETS. THAT INCLUDES 22 PEDESTRIANS, ONE BICYCLIST AND 11 MOTORISTS OR THEIR PASSENGERS. THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHILE WALKING JUST LAST WEEK. IN ADDITION TO WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW, SAN FRANCISCO DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS INCLUDE OAK AND OCTAVIA, GOUGH AND MARKET STREETS, 19TH AVENUE AND SLOAT BLVD, BROADWAY AND VAN NESS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/27/2007 REPORTED THAT THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES INTO WHAT CAUSED A HOT AIR BALLOON TO ERUPT IN FLAMES, KILLING TWO PASSENGERS AND SERIOUSLY INJURING

ELEVEN OTHERS. THE BALLOON CAUGHT FIRE WHILE PREPARING TO LAUNCH FRIDAY NIGHT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. THE PILOT AND MOST OF THE PASSENGERS GOT OUT BEFORE IT BROKE FROM ITS ROPES AND STARTED RISING. THE BALLOON BECAME ENGULFED IN FLAMES, THEN CRASHED INTO AN RV PARK. A WOMAN AND HER DAUGHTER DIED. INVESTIGATORS ARE QUESTIONING THE PILOT'S ROLE IN THE DISASTER. BUT THIS MORNING ON TODAY, ONE OF THE FAMILIES WHO SURVIVED THE DOOMED FLIGHT SAID HE HELPED PROTECT PASSENGERS. THIS MORNING, ONE CANADIAN BROADCASTER IS REPORTING THAT THE HOT AIR BALLOON COMPANY IS BACKING THE ACTIONS OF ITS PILOT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/03/2007 REPORTED THAT THE ANGORA FIRE IS TAKING A TOLL ON THE AREA'S WILDLIFE. RESCUERS TRANQUILIZED AN INJURED BEAR FROM UNDER THE DECK OF A HOUSE NEAR THE FIRELINES. THE BEAR HAD BURNED HER PADS WALKING OVER THE STILL-SMOLDERING FOREST FLOOR. A VETERINARIAN AND A TEAM OF ASSISTANTS WORKED QUICKLY ON EACH FOOT. THEY TREATED THE BURNS AND GAVE THE BEAR ANTI-BIOTICS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/03/2007 REPORTED THAT FIVE PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO FIND NEW HOUSING AFTER AN OVERNIGHT FIRE NEAR SAN FRANCISCO'S BUENA VISTA PARK. THE TWO-ALARM FIRE STARTED JUST BEFORE 1 AM AT A BUILDING ON DIVISADERO, NEAR DUBOCE AVENUE. CREWS GOT IT UNDER CONTROL IN LESS THAN AN HOUR. NO ONE WAS HURT. NO WORD YET ON JUST HOW BADLY THE BUILDING WAS DAMAGED. THE CAUSE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/03/2007 REPORTED THAT THERE ARE NEW SAFETY CONCERNS OVER DAMS AND LEVEES IN SAN MATEO COUNTY. A NEWLY RELEASED GRAND JURY REPORT SAYS 12 THE COUNTY'S DAMS DO NOT HAVE PROPER EMERGENCY PLANS IN PLACE IN THE CASE OF A NATURAL DISASTER. THE REPORT ALSO FOUND FOUR LEVEES BETWEEN BRISBANE AND EAST PALO ALTO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND A ONE-HUNDRED-YEAR FLOOD. THE REPORT RECOMMENDS FUNDING BE SET ASIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN EMERGENCY PLAN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/03/2007 REPORTED THAT A CURIOUSLY MARKED CREATURE THAT IS HALF-ZEBRA AND HALF-HORSE, CALLED A ZORSE, WAS BORN AFTER HER ZEBRA MOTHER WAS TAKEN TO A RANCH IN ITALY WHERE SHE ROAMED WITH SEVERAL OBVIOUS ITALIAN STALLIONS. OBVIOUSLY SOME HORSEPLAY FOLLOWED, HER OWNER SAYS THIS ZORSE WAS AN ACCIDENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/09/2007 REPORTED THAT TWO CALIFORNIANS ARE THE LATEST VICTIMS OF DANGEROUS WILDFIRES BURNING ACROSS THE WEST. ROY AND MARY REDMON, FROM ROWLAND HEIGHTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WERE RIDING MOTORCYCLES NEAR THE LARGEST FIRE IN THE NATION. INTERSTATE 15 IN UTAH HAD JUST REOPENED WHEN THE COUPLE WAS CAUGHT IN A FIVE CAR PILEUP. THE FIRE HAS BURNED MORE THAN 442 SQUARE MILES IN CENTRAL UTAH, THAT'S NEARLY TEN TIMES THE SIZE OF SAN FRANCISCO. TROOPERS SAY THICK, BLACK SMOKE LED TO NEAR ZERO VISIBILITY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/09/2007 REPORTED THAT FIREFIGHTERS FROM SAN MATEO COUNTY AND THE SAN RAMON VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT ARE IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY THIS MORNING HELPING FIGHT THE "ZACA" FIRE. TWO PILOTS SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES YESTERDAY WHEN THEIR WATER TANKER HELICOPTER CRASHED AFTER LIFT-OFF. THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH IS UNDER INVESTIGATION. THE "ZACA" FIRE HAS BURNED MORE THAN 65 HUNDRED ACRES – TEN SQUARE MILES OF THE LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST. IT IS NOW 30 PERCENT CONTAINED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/09/2007 REPORTED THAT THERE IS A NEW "GREEN" BUILDING IN SAN FRANCISCO IS SET FOR ITS GRAND OPENING TODAY. THE DEDICATION FOR THE NEW FEDERAL BUILDING ON SEVENTH AND MARKET IS SET FOR TWO PM. HOUSE SPEAKER PELOSI AND OTHER DIGNITARIES WILL TOUR THE BUILDING. ARCHITECTS PACKED THE BUILDING WITH ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY FEATURES. IT USES ABOUT HALF THE ENERGY OF OTHER FEDERAL BUILDINGS. CRITICS SAY THE FEATURES MAKE THE EIGHTEEN-STORY BUILDING UNCOMFORTABLE WITH UNEVEN TEMPERATURE AND FAR TOO MUCH LIGHT IN THE OFFICE SPACE. DESIGNERS SAY THEY'RE AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS AND ARE WORKING ON SOLUTIONS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/09/2007 REPORTED THAT A BATTALION CHIEF IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HELPED SAVE THE COMMUNITY OF "AGUA DULCE" EAST OF SANTA CLARITA. ABOUT THREE DOZEN HOMES WERE THREATENED SATURDAY, BUT FIREFIGHTERS FULLY SURROUNDED THE FLAMES LATE LAST NIGHT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/23/2007 REPORTED THAT THERE IS MASSIVE FLOODING IN ENGLAND. THOUSANDS ARE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES, AND MORE RAIN IS EXPECTED. FORECASTERS SAY WATER LEVELS COULD RISE TO EVEN MORE CRITICAL LEVELS. ALMOST FIFTY THOUSAND HOMES ARE WITHOUT POWER. THE RAIN IS NOT EXPECTED TO PEAK UNTIL TUESDAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/30/2007 REPORTED THAT THINGS ARE BACK TO NORMAL IN MILIPTAS AFTER A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SCARE. CREWS GAVE THE "ALL CLEAR" AFTER TESTING THE AIR THIS MORNING. IT ALL HAPPENED AT THE ROADWAY EXPRESS TRUCKING COMPANY NOT FAR FROM THE GREAT MALL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/01/2007 REPORTED THAT A PLAN TO THIN A HERD OF DEER IN SAN JOSE USING BOWS AND ARROWS HAS BEEN CANCELLED. DEER HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM FOR PEOPLE AT THE 'VILLAGES RETIREMENT COMMUNITY' IN THE EVERGREEN NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY HAVE BEEN DESTROYING FLOWERS AND PLANTS IN PEOPLE'S YARDS. BUT MANY RESIDENTS BECAME MORE UPSET WHEN THEY HEARD HUNTERS WOULD USE BOW AND ARROWS TO KILL SOME OF THE DEER. THE UPROAR PROMPTED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PURSUE A LONG TERM, NON-LETHAL PLAN. THE COMMUNITY HAS HIRED A NON- PROFIT GROUP TO LOOK INTO WAYS PEOPLE AND DEER CAN CO-EXIST.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/01/2007 REPORTED THAT A RARE DOLPHIN SIGHTING IS CREATING A STIR IN WINE COUNTRY. THE NAPA REGISTER REPORTED A DOZEN NAPA RESIDENTS SAW AT LEAST ONE DOLPHIN SWIMMING IN THE NAPA RIVER THIS WEEK. NEIGHBORS SPOTTED A DORSAL FIN NEAR THE NAPA VALLEY YACHT CLUB; RIGHT ACROSS FROM WHERE TULOCAY CREEK MEETS THE NAPA RIVER. DOLPHINS CAN ONLY SURVIVE A SHORT TIME IN FRESH WATER. BUT THE BRACKISH WATER OF THE NAPA RIVER HAS OCCASSIONALLY BEEN KNOWN TO SUPPORT ADVENTURESOME CREATURES LIKE SEA LIONS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/01/2007 REPORTED THAT A GRAY WHALE IS BACK IN THE OPEN OCEAN, AFTER A BRIEF STOP IN SANTA CRUZ. SPECTATORS CAME TO THE SANTA CRUZ HARBOR, OFF OF SOQUEL AVENUE TO SEE THE YOUNG WHALE. THE 20 TO 25- FOOT WHALE WAS APPARENTLY LURED BY THE ANCHOVIES NEAR THE HARBOR. IT REMINDED PEOPLE OF THE HUMPBACK WHALES THAT WERE STUCK IN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT EXPERTS SAY THIS ONE WAS PROBABLY NOT LOST, AND WAS JUST HUNGRY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/06/2007 REPORTED THAT DIVERS AT THE SCENE OF THE COLLAPSED BRIDGE IN MINNEAPOLIS ARE GEARING UP TO HEAD BACK INTO THE MURKY WATER, AS THE SEARCH FOR THE REMAINING EIGHT MISSING PEOPLE CONTINUES. A NAVY DIVE TEAM HAS ALREADY ARRIVED TO HELP, AND AN FBI TEAM IS ON ITS WAY. CREWS ARE EXPECTED TO START PULLING DEBRIS AND CARS OUT OF THE WATER TODAY. FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THE COLLAPSE THAT HAPPENED SIX DAYS AGO. LASTNIGHT, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE GATHERED AT A MEMORIAL TO REMEMBER THE VICTIMS. COLLECTION PLATES WERE PASSED DURING THE SERVICE TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/13/2007 REPORTED THAT VECTOR CONTROL WILL SPRAY PARTS OF THE SOUTH BAY TONIGHT TO TRY TO RID THE AREA OF MOSQUITOES INFECTED WITH THE WEST NILE VIRUS. FOGGING WILL TAKE PLACE IN NEIGHBORHOODS IN LOS GATOS AND SAN JOSE, SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 85, BORDERED BY HARWOOD ROAD, LESTER LANE AND BLOSSOM HILL ROAD. GROUND SPRAYING IS SET FOR 11 TONIGHT. SANTA CLARA COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL PREVIOUSLY SPRAYED MOST OF THIS AREA, BUT HAS SINCE FOUND MORE INFECTED MOSQUITOES. SO FAR THIS YEAR, TWO PEOPLE TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE VIRUS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. EIGHTY PEOPLE WERE INFECTED WITH WEST NILE STATEWIDE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/23/2007 REPORTED THAT WATER IS BEGINNING TO RECEDE IN OHIO, REVEALING THE DAMAGE LEFT BEHIND BY THE WORST FLOODING IN ALMOST 100 YEARS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/23/2007 REPORTED THAT INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING INTO WHETHER BIRD WASTE PLAYED A ROLE IN THE MINNEAPOLIS BRIDGE COLLAPSE. PIGEON DROPPINGS ARE CORROSIVE AND COULD HAVE MADE THE STEEL BEAMS RUST FASTER. INSPECTORS BEGAN DOCUMENTING A BUILD UP OF THE DROPPINGS ON THE BRIDGE 20 YEARS AGO. IN THE BAY AREA, CALTRANS SAYS DRIVERS HERE SHOULDN'T BE WORRIED BECAUSE OF CONSTANT WASHING AND RE-PAINTING OF OUR BRIDGES. THE

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD SAYS IT'S ALSO LOOKING AT WHETHER CHEMICALS USED IN A DE-ICING SYSTEM COULD HAVE BEEN A FACTOR IN THE MINNESOTA COLLAPSE.

NBC11, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00PM- 3:30PM 08/26/2007 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH WATER CONSERVATIONIST AND NURSERY OWNERS WHO GAVE TIPS ON HOW TO SAVE WATER. PEOPLE CAN USE WATER EFFICIENT SHOWER HEADS, HOSE ATTACHMENTS AND OTHER THINGS IN THEIR HOMES TO HELP THE PROCESS.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM 08/26/2007 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH SUSAN SIRAVO, PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER; AND JERRY DE LA PIEDRA, SENIOR WATER CONSERVATION SPECIALIST. SUSAN SIRAVO EXPLAINS HOW THIS YEAR THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT HAS ASKED THAT PEOPLE CUT DOWN ON THEIR WATER USAGE BY TEN PERCENT, DUE TO THE DRY YEAR LAST YEAR AND THE SHUT DOWN OF THE DELTA PUMPS A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO. SIRAVO EXPLAINS THAT FIFTY-PERCENT OF SANTA CLARA'S WATER COMES FROM RUN OFFS IN THE BAY AREA, AND THE OTHER FIFTY-PERCENT FROM THE DELTA WHICH HAS BEEN AT A SHORTAGE BECAUSE THE SMELT THAT HAVE BEEN DISSAPPEAR, WHICH FORCED THE CLOSURE OF THE PUMPS AT THE DELTA INORDER TO MAINTAIN THE FRAGILE ECOSYSTEM. THIS REDUCTION OF WATER FROM THE DELTA HAS PROVED TO THE WATER DISTRICT THAT THEY NEED TO RELY LESS ON THE WATER FROM THE DELTA, AND FOCUS MORE ON CONSERVATION OF WATER IN GENERAL. JERRY DE LA PIEDRA EXPLAINS TO VIEWERS HOW THEY CAN DO THEIR PART IN CUTTING BACK WATER USAGE BY SIMPLE TASKS LIKE NOT RUNNING THE WATER WHILE YOU SHAVE, TAKING SHORTER SHOWERS, AND ONLY RUNNING THE DISHWASHER WHEN IT IS FULL. DE LA PIEDRA PROVIDES VIEWERS WITH ALTERNATIVE APPLIANCE, LIKE LOW-FLOW SHOWER HEADS AND HOSE NOZZLE, WHICH ARE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE WATER DISTRICT TO HELP PROMOTE WATER CONSERVATION. SIRAVO ENDS WITH THE INTERVIEW BY MENTIONING THE IMPORTANT CONFERENCE THAT IS TAKING PLACE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THIS WEEK WITH GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER AND SENATOR FEINSTEIN, AT WHICH THEY WILL DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF CALIFORNIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND CALIFORNIA'S NUMBER ONE CONCERN, THE WATER SYSTEM

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/27/2007 REPORTED THAT THERE WAS A SCARE OVERNIGHT IN THE SIERRA AS A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE FORCED AN ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD TO EVACUATE. THE FIRE BROKE OUT AROUND ELEVEN LAST NIGHT, AND QUICKLY DESTROYED A HOME, AND DAMAGED ANOTHER NEXT DOOR. IT HAPPENED ON LUKEN WAY IN CISCO GROVE. THAT'S ABOUT TWENTY MILES WEST OF TRUCKEE. RESIDENTS SAY THEY HAD VERY LITTLE TIME TO GET OUT. FIREFIGHTERS KEPT THE FLAMES TO ABOUT AN ACRE. NO ONE WAS HURT. EVACUATION ORDERS HAVE BEEN LIFTED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/29/2007 REPORTED THAT TODAY IS THE FIRST SPARE THE AIR DAY OF THE SUMMER, AND BAY AREA COMMUTERS ARE BEING OFFERED FREE RIDES ON PUBLIC TRANSIT. BUT THE RULES HAVE CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR. COMPLIMENTARY RIDE ON TRAINS AND FERRIES END AT 1 P.M. BUS LINES ARE FREE ALL DAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/29/2007 REPORTED THAT A 24-YEAR-OLD SURFER IS IN FAIR CONDITION THIS MORNING AT VALLEY MEDICAL IN SAN JOSE, RECOVERING FROM A SHARK ATTACK. TODD ENDRES WAS BADLY BITEN ON HIS BACK AND RIGHT LEG WHILE SURFING. A CHUNK TAKEN OUT OF HIS BOARD GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT HE WAS UP AGAINST. EXPERTS THINK IT WAS A WHITE SHARK THAT ATTACKED. IT HAPPENED LATE YESTERDAY MORNING OFF MARINA STATE BEACH IN MONTEREY COUNTY. ENDRES WAS ABOUT 100 YARDS OUT, SITTING ON HIS BOARD, WAITING FOR ANOTHER WAVE, WHEN THE SHARK GRABBED HIM AND DRAGGED HIM UNDERWATER. IT EVENTUALLY LET GO. ENDRES SOMEHOW GOT BACK ON HIS BOARD AND MADE IT TO SHORE, WHERE FELLOW SURFERS PERFORMED FIRST AID. ENDRES WAS AIRLIFTED TO VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER. WE SPOKE WITH A RETIRED MARINE BIOLOGIST FROM THE MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM. HE THINKS THE SHARK PROBABLY MISTOOK ENDRES FOR A DOLPHIN, SEAL, OR SEA LION. OFFICIALS HAVE CLOSED 15 MILES OF THE COASTLINE WHERE THE ATTACK HAPPENED. THE CITY OF MONTEREY HAS ALSO SAID IT WILL POST SHARK WARNINGS AT ITS BEACHES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/29/2007 REPORTED THAT THE HOT WEATHER IS ALSO PUSHING UP ELECTRICITY DEMAND. THE STATE ISSUED A "FLEX ALERT" FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW. THE INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR EXPECTS TO SEE THE HIGHEST POWER DEMANDS OF THE SUMMER. YOU ARE URGED TO CONSERVE ENERGY, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN THE PEAK HOURS OF FOUR AND SIX P.M.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/30/2007 REPORTED THAT MORE TRIPLE DIGIT TEMPERATURES MAY STRAIN CALIFORNIA'S POWER GRID AGAIN TODAY. ELECTRICITY USE IS NEAR RECORD LEVELS. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE EVEN HOTTER TODAY THAN YESTERDAY, SO THERE ARE CALLS TO CONSERVE. THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CALLED FOR A STAGE ONE EMERGENCY YESTERDAY, URGING CUSTOMERS TO CONSERVE ELECTRICITY. THE SAME COULD HAPPEN AGAIN TODAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/30/2007 REPORTED THAT FLAMES THAT SWEEPED THROUGH SOUTH LAKE TAHOE TWO MONTHS AGO DESTROYED HUNDREDS OF HOMES AND HUGE TRACTS OF FOREST. NOW RESEARCHERS ARE WORRIED THE SUMMER FIRE WILL HAVE A LONG-TERM IMPACT ON THE REGION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/30/2007 REPORTED THAT A BIG COMMERCIAL FIRE IN BOSTON TRAPPED SEVERAL FIREFIGHTERS, KILLING TWO OF THEM. AT LEAST TEN OTHERS WERE HURT LATE LAST NIGHT. THE FIRE IN THE CITY'S WEST ROXBURY NEIGHBORHOOD STARTED IN A CHINESE RESTAURANT AND SPREAD TO OTHER BUSINESSES. THE FIREFIGHTERS GOT TRAPPED AFTER BECOMING DISORIENTED IN HEAVY SMOKE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/04/2007 REPORTED THAT FLAMES HAVE NOW BURNED FIFTY TWO HUNDRED ACRES, MORE THAN EIGHT SQUARE MILES AT HENRY COE STATE PARK EAST OF MORGAN HILL. HUNDREDS OF FIREFIGHTERS ARE ON THE GROUND, BATTLING THE FLAMES, AND THEY ARE GETTING LOTS OF SUPPORT FROM THE AIR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/06/2007 REPORTED THAT NEARLY TWENTY THOUSAND ACRE WILDFIRE BURNING HUNDREDS OF MILES FROM THE BAY AREA IS AFFECTING OUR AIR QUALITY. SMOKE FROM THE MOONLIGHT FIRE IN PLUMAS COUNTY, IN THE MOUNTAINS NORTH OF SACRAMENTO, IS CREATING HAZY SKIES ACROSS THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE STATE. THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT DID NOT ISSUE A HEALTH ADVISORY. THE FIRE STARTED MONDAY AFTERNOON NEAR THE PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST. FIREFIGHTERS IN THE EAST BAY SAY THEY RECEIVED SEVERAL EMERGENCY CALLS YESTERDAY FROM PEOPLE REPORTING A FIRE BECAUSE THEY SMELLED SMOKE. IT ALSO CAUSED DELAYS FOR ARRIVING FLIGHTS AT SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/06/2007 REPORTED THAT AERIAL SURVEYS TODAY COULD REVEAL MORE ABOUT THE CENTRAL VALLEY'S LEVEES SYSTEM. A HELICOPTER EQUIPPED WITH A THERMAL IMAGING DEVICE THAT LOOKS LIKE A MISSILE WILL FLY CLOSE TO THE GROUND NEAR YUBA CITY TO COLLECT DATA TO HELP EVALUATE THE STRENGTH OF LEVEES. ENGINEERS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE CONDITION OF THE SOIL AND IF WATER IS SEEPAGE INSIDE. EXPERTS WANT TO KNOW IF THE LEVEES WILL HOLD UP IN THE EVENT OF A ONE HUNDRED YEAR FLOOD.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/12/2007 REPORTED THAT IN A DEAL WITH THE STATE, A MAJOR OIL COMPANY WILL PAY MILLIONS TO OFF-SET GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, PAVING THE WAY FOR A NEW, HYDROGEN PLANT IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. ATTORNEY GENERAL JERRY BROWN MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY. HE SAYS AS PART OF THE 10 MILLION DOLLAR DEAL HE IS DROPPING OPPOSITION TO THE "CONOCO PHILLIPS" HYDROGEN PLANT IN "RODEO". BROWN HAS PREVIOUSLY SAID THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION DID NOT PROPERLY ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF POTENTIAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/12/2007 REPORTED THAT SOME SHOULD EXPECT TO HAVE A LOT MORE TRASH ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD TODAY, CALTRANS AND THE CHP ARE JOINING FORCES TO COMBAT LITTER ALONG HIGHWAYS. CREWS WILL COLLECT TRASH AS USUAL, BUT INSTEAD OF TAKING THE BAGS STRAIGHT TO A LANDFILL THEY WILL PILE THEM UP SO DRIVERS CAN SEE HOW MUCH TRASH IS DUMPED EACH DAY. LAST YEAR, THE STATE SPENT 40 MILLION DOLLARS REMOVING TRASH FROM HIGHWAYS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/14/2007 REPORTED THAT A MINOR EARTHQUAKE RATTLED PARTS OF THE NORTH BAY THIS THE 3.5 MAGNITUDE QUAKE HIT ABOUT 33 MILES NORTH OF SANTA ROSA, NEAR CLEARLAKE AT 7:43 A.M. NO PROBLEMS WERE REPORTED. QUAKE THAT SIZE ARE OFTEN FELT BUT RARELY CAUSE DAMAGE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/14/2007 REPORTED THAT DOZENS OF BAY AREA FIREFIGHTERS ARE HELPING FIGHT THE "BUTLER TWO" FIRE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THIS MORNING. THE FLAMES HAVE BURNED MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND ACRES OR ABOUT 24 SQUARE MILES IN THE SAN

BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST. MORE THAN 22- HUNDRED FIREFIGHTERS ARE BATTLING THE WILDFIRE IN STEEP, RUGGED TERRAIN THAT HASN'T SEEN A FIRE IN DECADES. AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE OUT OF THEIR HOMES, NEAR BIG BEAR LAKE, ABOUT 100 MILES EAST OF LOS ANGELES. 44 FIREFIGHTERS FROM SANTA CLARA COUNTY AND ANOTHER 28 FROM SAN FRANCISCO JOINED THEIR EFFORT THIS WEEKEND. THEIR PRIMARY JOB: STRUCTURE PROTECTION. MORE CREWS FROM THE BAY AREA MAY BE SENT THIS WEEK AS NEEDED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM- 12:00PM 09/19/2007 REPORTED THAT A BOMB SQUAD DESTROYED A STASH OF FIREWORKS FOUND EARLY THIS MORNING. THEY WERE AT THE INTERSECTION OF EUCALYPTUS KNOLL STREET AND HAMILTON DRIVE IN MILL VALLEY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM- 12:00PM 09/19/2007 REPORTED THAT A CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIREFIGHTER IS RECOVERING THIS MORNING AFTER BEING HURT WHILE BATTLING A TWO-ALARM GRASS FIRE IN OAKLEY. A WITNESS SAYS A MAN SET HIS CAR ON FIRE WHILE WORKING ON IT WITH A BLOW TORCH. THEN FLAMES SPREAD TO SURROUNDING GRASS AND SOME ABANDONED BUILDINGS THAT USED TO BE PART OF A DAIRY FARM. IT HAPPENED ON EAST CYPRESS ROAD AND SELLERS AVENUE AROUND ELEVEN O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT. THE FIRE BURNED ABOUT A HALF ACRE. THE INJURED FIREFIGHTER CUT HIS HAND WHILE TRYING TO KEEP THE FLAMES FROM SPREADING. HE'S EXPECTED TO BE OKAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM- 12:00PM 09/19/2007 REPORTED THAT BEARS BUSTING THRU DOORS, ON THE HUNT FOR FOOD ARE BECOMING MORE OF A PROBLEM NEAR LAKE TAHOE. THIS THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUND BLACK BEAR WAS CAPTURED IN RENO TUESDAY. HE CRASHED TO THE GROUND AFTER WILDLIFE LEADERS SHOT HIM WITH A TRANQUILIZER. WILDLIFE EXPERTS SAY BEAR SIGHTINGS ARE BECOMING MORE COMMON BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT AND JUNE'S "ANGORA FIRE". BEARS ARE DESPERATE FOR FOOD. EXPERTS SAY THE BEST WAY TO KEEP BEARS AWAY IS TO MAKE SURE FOOD AND GARBAGE AREN'T OUT IN THE OPEN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM- 12:00PM 09/24/2007 REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER IS ALSO IN NEW YORK THIS MORNING, WHERE HE SPOKE AT THE UNITED NATIONS ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING. THE GOVERNOR PRAISED ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS IN EUROPE, AND CALLED FOR MORE INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO CURB GREENHOUSE GASES. THE GOVERNOR WAS INVITED BY THE NEW UNITED NATIONS CHIEF, WHO PRAISED SCHWARZENEGGER FOR LEADING CALIFORNIA IN TACKLING THE ISSUE OF GLOBAL WARMING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM- 12:00PM 09/24/2007 REPORTED THAT "CAL FIRE" SAYS THE 'BUTLER TWO' FIRE IN SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST IS NOW FULLY CONTAINED. IT STARTED SEPTEMBER 14TH NEAR BIG BEAR LAKE, SINCE THEN IT BURNED MORE THAN 14 THOUSAND ACRES, OR ABOUT 22 SQUARE MILES. FIREFIGHTERS SAY WEEKEND RAIN HELPED THEM GET COMPLETE CONTROL. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/24/2007 REPORTED THAT THE 49ERS WILL BE TACKLING A DIFFERENT SORT OF CAUSE TOMORROW, PLAYERS WILL HELP BUILD HOUSES AT A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SITE IN THE SOUTH BAY. THEY WILL JOIN VOLUNTEERS FROM PG AND E AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN INSTALLING SIDING, AND PAINTING A HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON MISSION SPRINGS COURT OFF OF MURPHY AVENUE IN SAN JOSE. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SAYS THERE IS A NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, EVEN IN SILICON VALLEY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/24/2007 REPORTED THAT A ROAD IN LOS ANGELES IS OPEN AGAIN THIS MORNING, AFTER A WEEKEND MUDSLIDE BURIED MORE THAN A DOZEN CARS. NEARLY THREE TONS OF MUD, BOULDERS, AND TREES SLID ONTO FOREST LAWN DRIVE NEAR GRIFFITH PARK. NO ONE WAS HURT.

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NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/03/2007 REPORTED THAT NASA HAS MOVED UP THE LAUNCH DATE FOR THE SPACE SHUTTLE ENDEAVOR. MISSION MANAGERS PUSHED UP THE LAUNCH DATE TWO DAYS TO AUGUST SEVENTH TO MAKE SURE IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE LAUNCH OF A MILITARY SATELLITE AND MARS ROBOT ALSO SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST. THE SHUTTLE HAS UNDERGONE AN EXTENSIVE MAINTENANCE OVERHAUL FOR ITS FIRST FLIGHT SINCE 2002.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/09/2007 REPORTED THAT THERE IS A POLITICAL THREAT FROM ANTI-WAR ACTIVIST CINDY SHEEHAN. SHE SAYS SHE WILL RUN AGAINST HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI IN 2008, UNLESS PELOSI BEGINS THE IMPEACHMENT PROCESS AGAINST PRESIDENT BUSH. SHEEHAN GAVE PELOSI A TWO-WEEK DEADLINE TO FILE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. PELOSI'S SPOKESMAN SAID JULY WILL BE A MONTH OF ACTION IN CONGRESS, BUT DID NOT SAY IF THE SPEAKER PLANNED TO FILE IMPEACHMENT PAPERS. SHEEHAN HAS NEVER HELD OFFICE. SHE SAYS SHE WOULD RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM- 10:30 AM 7/15/2007 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH REV. JESSE JACKSON. THE FOUNDER OF THE NON-PROFIT RAINBOW PUSH COALITION SPOKE ON TOPICS RANGING FROM GUN CONTROL TO THE UPCOMING 2008 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. JACKSON IS CAMPAIGNING FOR MORE GUN CONTROL AND CLAIMS THAT THE U.S HAS BECOME THE MOST VIOLENT COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. HE STATES THAT WHILE WE ARE STOPPING THE SUPPLY BASE IN IRAQ, WE ARE STILL SUPPLYING WEAPONRY HERE AT HOME. HE

SAYS THAT WE LOSE MORE CHILDREN HERE PER YEAR THAN U.S. SOLDIERS WITHIN 3 YEARS IN IRAQ. JACKSON WANTS TO HALT THE SUPPLY OF GUNS FOR "CHILDREN". HE SAYS THAT CONCEALED WEAPONS AND ENFORCING DRUG TRADE IN URBAN AMERICA IS NOT A PART OF OUR RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. HE VIEWS THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS AS THE RIGHT TO FIGHT OCCUPATION. IN THE INTERVIEW, REV. JACKSON ALSO DISCUSSES HIS VIEWS ON AMERICA'S EDUCATION SYSTEM, SAYING THAT THERE ARE TWO ISSUES--UNEQUAL PUBLIC SCHOOLING AND INSUFFICIENT HOME MOTIVATION. HE URGES PARENTS TO RENEW THEIR COMMITMENT TO MOTIVATION BY TAKING 6 STEPS: 1) TAKE YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL; 2) MEET YOUR CHILDREN'S TEACHERS; 3) EXCHANGE HOME NUMBERS; 4) TURN OFF YOUR TELEVISION 3 HOURS A NIGHT; 5) PICK UP YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD EVERY 9 MONTHS; AND 6) TAKE YOUR CHILDREN TO RELIGIOUS SERVICES ONCE A WEEK. NEARING THE END OF THE INTERVIEW, JACKSON STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT OFFICIALLY CAMPAIGNING FOR ANY PARTICULAR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, HE IS PLANNING TO VOTE FOR BARAK OBAMA. HE THINKS OBAMA WILL RUN A GOOD CAMPAIGN, EDWARDS WILL REMAIN A SLEEPER IN THE RACE, AND THAT CLINTON HAS SUCH A GOOD INSIDE TRACK THAT THERE IS REASONABLE CHANCE THAT SHE WILL BE OUR COUNTRY'S NEXT PRESIDENT.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00-10:30 AM 7/15/2007 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH THOMAS G. DEL BECCARO, VICE CHAIR OF CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY. BECARRO STARTED OFF WITH COMMENTS ON THE RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION. HE CALLED THE SCHOOLS' DOING A "REFLEXDIVE ACTION TO JUST USE RACE", SOMETHING THAT HASN'T AND CAN'T BE UTILIZED SINCE BROWN VS. BOARD OF EDUCATION. HE AGREES WITH THE COURT AND BELIEVES THAT THE NEW DECISION WON'T CALL FOR RESEGREGATION. WHEN DISCUSSING ABOUT EDUCATION, BECARRO POINTED OUT A PERVERSIVE PROBLEM IN CALIFORNIA: INEQUITABLE FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS. A GREATER PROBLEM TO ACKNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, IS THAT INNER CITY SCHOOLS DON'T HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES TO EDUCATE KIDS IN THE SAME WAY THAT SMALLER COMMUNITIES DO. HE DELINEATED THAT RACE IS A FACTOR BUT A SMALL FACTOR BECAUSE TO REALLY IMPROVE EDUCATION, POOR FACILITIES AND DELIBERATION BETWEEN RUNNING GOVERNMENTAL SCHOOLS OR CHARTER SCHOOLS NEEDS TO BE ATTENDED TO. THE LAST TOPIC FOR THIS SEGMENT WAS ABOUT THE NRA AND GUN CONTROL, WHERE BECARRO ASSERTED THAT NRA'S IMAGE ISN'T AS MONISTIC AS ONE WOULD THINK BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF GUN DEFENSE RUN 8 TIMES AS HIGH AS THE ACTUAL VIOLENCE, MEANING PEOPLE USE GUNS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES 8 TIMES MORE THEY USE IT IN VIOLENCE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE NRA IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH NANCY PELOSI ON A BILL TO RESTRICT PEOPLE WITH MENTAL PROBLEMS FROM PURCHASING GUNS. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT GUN CONTROL IS A CONCERN BUT AGAIN, THE BIGGER PROBLEM IS PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNER CITY YOUTH, HENCE THEY'LL ACHIEVE SUCCESS AND THE PROBLEMATIC CYCLE WILL END.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 07/23/2007 REPORTED THAT ANTI-WAR ACTIVIST CINDY SHEEHAN AND HER 'WALK FOR HUMANITY' ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TODAY. THE GROUP WILL GATHER AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, AND MARCH TO CAPITOL HILL. MEMBERS PLAN A "SIT-IN" AT THE OFFICE OF HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

JOHN CONYERS. THEY WANT HIM TO BEGIN IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PRESIDENT BUSH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 07/23/2007 REPORTED THAT MANY POLITICAL EXPERTS CONSIDER VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY THE MOST INFLUENTIAL VICE PRESIDENT IN HISTORY. HE HAS REMAINED LARGELY IN THE SHADOWS DURING HIS TIME IN THE WHITE HOUSE. BUT A REVEALING NEW BOOK ABOUT HIM COMES OUT TOMORROW. NBC WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT KELLY O'DONNELL TALKED TO THE AUTHOR AND SAYS THE BOOK MIGHT SURPRISE SOME PEOPLE. THE VICE PRESIDENT HAS SAID HE CARES LITTLE ABOUT HIS CONSISTENTLY LOW APPROVAL RATING. BUT PUNDITS THINK THAT BY GIVING THIRTY HOURS OF INTERVIEWS HE MAY CARE MORE ABOUT HIS PLACE IN HISTORY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 07/23/2007 REPORTED THAT FORMER NEW YORK MAYOR AND CURRENT REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL RUDY GIULIANI WILL BE IN THE BAY AREA TODAY COURTING VOTERS. TODAY, GIULIANI WILL BE IN SAN FRANCISCO SPEAKING AT THE FAIRMONT HOTEL AT THREE O'CLOCK. HE BRINGS HIS CAMPAIGN TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOMORROW.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 07/30/2007 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR ED JEW IS BACK IN COURT THIS MORNING FOR A HEARING ON THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM. BUT JEW ISN'T THE ONLY BAY AREA LEADER FACING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER HE ACTUALLY LIVES IN THE DISTRICT HE REPRESENTS. THIS MORNING'S CHRONICLE REPORTS BERKELEY RENT STABILIZATION BOARD MEMBER CHRIS KAVANAGH MAY LIVE IN OAKLAND DESPITE A LAW REQUIRING THE ELECTED LEADER TO LIVE IN BERKELEY. THE PAPER REPORTS KAVANAGH IS FIGHTING EVICTION FROM AN OAKLAND COTTAGE. HE AND HIS LAWYER REFUSED TO COMMENT ABOUT HIS LIVING LOCATION.

NBC11, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00PM- 3:30PM 07/29/2007 FEATURED A STORY ABOUT THE POT GROWING BUSINESS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY, AND THE CURRENT EFFORTS OF CRACKING DOWN ON POT GROWERS.

NBC11, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00PM- 3:30PM 07/29/2007 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH TORRICO ON THE SUBJECT OF ABANDONED BABIES. THE CONFIDENTIALITY FOR THE MOTHER WOULD BE PROTECTED BY ANOTHER BILL TORRICO IS PROPOSING. THE BILL IS NUMBER AB81. TORRICO ALSO TALKS ABOUT THE ELIMINATION OF TERM LIMITS.

NBC11, COMUNIDAD DEL VALLE, 3:00PM- 3:30PM 07/29/2007 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH TORRICO WHO IS ALSO WORKING ON A BILL TO REQUIRE LANDLORDS TO GIVE 60 DAY WARNING INSTEAD OF 30 FOR EVICTING TENANTS WITHOUT A LEGITIMATE REASON.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 07/30/2007 REPORTED THAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS UNDERWAY RIGHT NOW IN SACRAMENTO OVER HOW SECURE ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES ARE. IT COMES AFTER A TEAM OF UC

RESEARCHERS WAS ABLE TO HACK INTO ONE. BUT THEY HAD UNOBSTRUCTED ACCESS TO THE EQUIPMENT, WHICH AN ORDINARY HACKER WOULD NOT HAVE. SECRETARY OF STATE DEBRA BOWEN HOPES TO GET PUBLIC, EXPERT AND INDUSTRY INPUT DURING TODAY'S HEARING. SHE HAS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO DECERTIFY ANY OF THE ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS. CALIFORNIA HAS THREE ELECTIONS SET FOR 2008, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IN FEBRUARY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 07/30/2007 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA'S MOST FAMOUS IMMIGRANT IS CELEBRATING HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY TODAY. GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER TOLD A NEWSPAPER IN HIS NATIVE COUNTRY OF AUSTRIA HIS ONE WISH IS FOR AMERICA TO IMPROVE ITS REPUTATION AROUND THE WORLD. HE SAYS HE'S IN GREAT SHAPE AND FEELS "DAZZLING" FOR HIS AGE. THE MAYOR OF SCHWARZENEGGER'S HOME TOWN IN AUSTRIA SENT THE GOVERNOR A BIRTHDAY PRESENT, THE ORIGINAL STREET NUMBER OF THE HOUSE WHERE HE WAS BORN BACK ON JULY 30TH, 1947.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/01/2007 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR ED JEW IS EXPECTED BACK IN COURT AS HIS PRELIMINARY HEARING CONTINUES TODAY. THE CHRONICLE REPORTS JEW'S FATHER COULD TESTIFY. HOWARD JEW OWNS THE SUNSET DISTRICT HOUSE ED JEW USED IN HIS CANDIDACY PAPERS AND COULD ESTABLISH WHEN HIS SON LIVED THERE. PROSECUTORS SAY ED JEW LIED ABOUT LIVING IN THE HOME IN ORDER TO RUN FOR THE SUPERVISORS' OFFICE HE WON.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/01/2007 REPORTED THAT THE IRAQI PARLIAMENT IS TAKING A CONTROVERSIAL MONTH LONG BREAK, LEADERS IN WASHINGTON ARE CRITICIZING THE MOVE. THEY SAY IRAQI LAWMAKERS HAVE MADE LITTLE PROGRESS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES, AND CANNOT AFFORD TO TAKE A BREAK NOW. IRAQ'S OIL RESOURCES, AND SADDAM HUSSEIN'S BAATHIST REGIME ARE STILL UP IN THE AIR. THE PARLIAMENT DEFENDED ITS DECISION, SAYING THEY ACTUALLY CUT THEIR SCHEDULED BREAK IN HALF. THE LAWMAKERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN SEPTEMBER FOURTH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/01/2007 REPORTED THAT THE STATE BUDGET IS NOW 32 DAYS OVERDUE WITH NO SIGNS OF A BREAKTHROUGH, NO BUDGET MEANS NO STATE PAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE ACROSS THE STATE. IT COULD EFFECT POTENTIALLY A QUARTER OF A MILLION CALIFORNIA CHILDREN BECAUSE CHILD CARE CENTERS CAN'T PAY RENT OR STAFF. HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THE STATE SAY THEY'LL SOON STOP RECEIVING MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENTS, MEANING ADMINISTRATORS WON'T BE ABLE TO PAY FOR FOOD OR HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/01/2007 REPORTED THAT DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOHN EDWARDS BRINGS HIS CAMPAIGN TO THE BAY AREA TODAY. THIS MORNING HE WILL SPEAK AT THE SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP IN SANTA CLARA, AS A PART OF ITS "ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE" SPEAKER SERIES. EDWARDS WILL TALK ABOUT IMMIGRATION REFORM, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND INDEPENDENCE, HOUSING, AND SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. HE THEN HEADS TO A GRASSROOTS FUNDRAISER IN SAN FRANCISCO AT "THE TEMPLE" NIGHTCLUB. AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL JOHN MCCAIN WILL ALSO BE IN THE

BAY AREA, TALKING TO TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVES. THE ARIZONA SENATOR WILL SPEAK AT THE ANNUAL STANFORD SUMMIT, WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND COMMERCIAL TRENDS AFFECTING GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY. THE OPEN FORUM WILL BE AT 4:30 THIS AFTERNOON AT MOCAW HALL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/06/2007 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT WITH THE RIGHT INTELLIGENCE, THE UNITED STATES AND PAKISTAN CAN ROOT OUT TOP AL-QAEDA LEADERS HIDING OUT IN PAKISTAN. BUT THE PRESIDENT WOULDN'T SAY WHETHER HE WOULD CONSULT WITH PAKISTAN FIRST BEFORE ORDERING U.S. TROOPS TO ACT. PRESIDENT BUSH SPOKE FROM CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND WHERE HE IS MEETING WITH AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI FOR TALKS ON A SERIES OF PROBLEMS AFGHANISTAN IS FACING. KARZAI SPOKE THIS MORNING AS WELL, PLAYING DOWN THE RESURGENCE OF THE TALIBAN IN HIS COUNTRY. TOP TRIBAL LEADERS FROM PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN ARE EXPECTED TO MEET THIS WEEK. KARZAI IS LIKELY TO ATTEND AND IS EXPECTED TO BRING UP THE ISSUE OF EXTREMISTS WHO HIDE IN PAKISTAN AND MAKE THEIR WAY INTO AFGHANISTAN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/06/2007 REPORTED THAT THE GRAND OLD PARTY (G.O.P.) PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS FACED OFF IN IOWA AND SAVED SOME OF THEIR ATTACKS FOR A CANDIDATE WHO WASN'T EVEN THERE. THE NINE REPUBLICANS WENT AFTER DEMOCRAT BARACK OBAMA YESTERDAY FOR HIS COMMENTS SUPPORTING A U.S. ATTACK ON AL-QAEDA IN PAKISTAN. FELLOW CANDIDATES ALSO QUESTIONED FORMER MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY FOR HIS SHIFTING VIEWS ON ABORTION. ROMNEY LEADS THE IOWA POLLS. ONE ISSUE THE FRONT RUNNERS AGREED ON WAS THE WAR IN IRAQ. ONLY REPRESENTATIVE RON PAUL OF TEXAS CALLED FOR A WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/13/2007 REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE BIGGEST NAMES IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY HE IS STEPPING DOWN. WHITE HOUSE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF KARL ROVE SAYS HE WILL BE LEAVING HIS POST AS THE PRESIDENT'S TOP ADVISER AT THE END OF THE MONTH. NBC11'S BRIAN MOOAR WAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE POIGNANT ANNOUNCEMENT AN HOUR AND A HALF AGO.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/13/2007 REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF WAR PROTESTORS ARE ON A HUNGER STRIKE THIS MORNING, IN FRONT OF SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S HOME. CODE PINK, A PEACE MOVEMENT CREATED BY BAY AREA WOMEN, IS CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE WAR. THE WOMEN, SEEN HERE IN FRONT OF HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI'S HOME, IN MARCH, PLAN TO MOVE THEIR HUNGER STRIKE BACK TO PELOSI'S DOORSTEP WEDNESDAY. THE PROTESTORS SAY THE LAWMAKERS AREN'T DOING ENOUGH TO STOP THE WAR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/13/2007 REPORTED THAT SENATOR HILLARY CLINTON IS CAMPAIGNING IN NEVADA THIS MORNING AFTER REACHING OUT TO GAY AND LESBIAN VOTERS IN THE BAY AREA. SENATOR

CLINTON ATTENDED SEVERAL FUNDRAISERS YESTERDAY. ONE WAS SPONSORED BY THE LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE FORMER FIRST LADY APPEARED TO WIN OVER THE CROWD EVEN THOUGH SHE DOES NOT SUPPORT GAY MARRIAGE. THE GAY AND LESBIAN POPULATION IS A SIGNIFICANT VOTING BLOC. A SURVEY BY SAN FRANCISCO BASED COMMUNITY MARKETING INCORPORATED FOUND 92 PERCENT OF GAY MEN AND 91 PERCENT OF LESBIANS CAST BALLOTS IN THE 2004 ELECTION. OVERALL TURNOUT WAS JUST UNDER 61 PERCENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/13/2007 REPORTED THAT FORMER WISCONSIN GOVERNOR TOMMY THOMPSON IS OUT OF THE RACE FOR THE G.O.P. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. THOMPSON WITHDREW HIS BID YESTERDAY AFTER HE FINISHED SIXTH IN SATURDAY'S IOWA STRAW POLL. THOMPSON HAS NOT SAID IF HE WILL BE ENDORSING ANYBODY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/23/2007 REPORTED THAT SOUTH BAY LEADERS ARE MEETING RIGHT NOW TO TRY TO DETERMINE A WAY TO PROVIDE BETTER MEDICAL CARE FOR PEOPLE IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE. NEARLY THREE YEARS SINCE THE SAN JOSE MEDICAL CENTER CLOSED DOWN, IT REMAINS FENCED UP AND VACANT. CITY AND COUNTY LEADERS ARE NOW CONSIDERING USING THE 13-ACRE SITE FOR A NEW MEDICAL FACILITY. OPPONENTS SAY IT ISN'T BIG ENOUGH TO HOUSE A MODERN HOSPITAL. THE PROPERTY'S OWNER WANTS IT RE-ZONED FOR OTHER DEVELOPMENT. ONE GROUP SAYS, AT THE VERY LEAST, A MEDICAL CLINIC SHOULD BE BUILT. AS ANOTHER OPTION, SAN JOSE STATE LEADERS AND THE CITY ARE TALKING ABOUT EXPANDING THE CAMPUS CLINIC TO ALSO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE DOWNTOWN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/23/2007 REPORTED THAT THE FATE OF THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IS ALSO BEING DEBATED BY CITY AND COUNTY LEADERS TODAY. THERE IS TALK OF FINDING ANOTHER USE FOR IT SINCE THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIR HAS POSTED LOSSES OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. ONE IDEA COULD BE TO MOVE THE SAN JOSE FLEA MARKET TO THE SITE. LAST WEEK THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO RE-ZONE THE FLEA MARKET PROPERTY, FORCING THE DECADES OLD MARKET TO FIND ANOTHER LOCATION, OR SHUT DOWN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/23/2007 REPORTED THAT THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD IS INVESTIGATING A TOP AIDE FOR INAPPROPRIATE MESSAGES ON HIS WEBSITE. THE CONTRA COSTA TIMES REPORTS SENIOR AIRMAN TRAVIS GRUBER, FROM SACRAMENTO, WAS SUSPENDED AFTER THE PAPER QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT HIS WEB SITE CALLED "HOW TO KILL PEOPLE". ON IT, HE INSULTS AFRICAN AMERICANS, JEWS, HANDICAPPED PEOPLE, WOMEN, AND HOMOSEXUALS. GRUBMAN IS THE ASSISTANT FOR MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM WADE, WHO IS THE GUARD'S COMMANDING OFFICER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM- 11:00AM 08/23/2007 REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER GOT UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH A BABY PIG AT THE STATE FAIR IN SACRAMENTO. THE TWO ACTUALLY NUZZLED FOR A WHILE YESTERDAY. THE FAIR ENDS ON LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/27/2007 REPORTED THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO GONZALES OFFICIALLY RESIGNED THIS MORNING. HIS RESIGNATION TAKES EFFECT SEPTEMBER 17TH. MANY HAVE CALLED FOR GONZALES TO STEP DOWN OVER THE BOTCHED HANDLING OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (F.B.I) TERROR INVESTIGATIONS AND THE FIRINGS OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS. SOLICITOR GENERAL PAUL CLEMENT WILL SERVE AS ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL UNTIL A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT IS NAMED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/27/2007 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE CITY LEADERS ARE LAUNCHING A NEW PROGRAM TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE AS THEY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL. MAYOR CHUCK REED ANNOUNCED 'OPERATION SAFE PASSAGE' THIS MORNING. IT'S AN INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO KEEP STUDENTS IN SCHOOL ZONES SAFE FROM CARS. THE MAYOR SAYS UNFORTUNATELY, SOMETIMES PARENTS CREATE THE BIGGEST DRIVING HAZARDS AT SCHOOLS. TO HELP, CALTRANS PRESENTED THE MAYOR WITH A 790 THOUSAND DOLLAR CHECK TO PROVIDE CROSSWALK SIGNS FOR MORE THAN 250 SAN JOSE SCHOOLS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/27/2007 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOME IS HOSTING A CELEBRATION AT THE SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (S.F.O.) TO WELCOME SOUTH WEST AIRLINES BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO. SOUTHWEST RESUMED SERVICE OUT OF S.F.O. YESTERDAY. THE NATION'S LARGEST DISCOUNT AIRLINE PULLED OUT OF S.F.O. SIX YEARS AGO BECAUSE OF HIGH COST. SOUTHWEST WILL BEGIN BY FLYING TO THREE CITIES FROM S.F.O: SAN DIEGO, LAS VEGAS AND CHICAGO. ONE WAY FARES RANGE FROM 39 DOLLARS TO 99 DOLLARS. SOUTHWEST NOW HAS 18 DAILY FLIGHTS OUT OF S.F.O. THEY ALSO FLY OUT OF OAKLAND AND SAN JOSE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/29/2007 REPORTED THAT THE CITY OF SAN JOSE IS LOOKING FOR A NEW CITY AUDITOR THIS MORNING. THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO FIRE LONG-TIME AUDITOR GERALD SILVA. HE'S BEEN ON PAID LEAVE SINCE NEWS BROKE OF A SEXUAL HARASSMENT SCANDAL IN THE CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE. A SUMMARY OF THE CITY'S OWN INVESTIGATION DETERMINED SILVA "MADE COMMENTS OF A SEXUAL OR GENDER-BASED NATURE" IN THE OFFICE. AND "DISCUSSED RELATIONSHIPS WITH WOMEN AND HIS SEX LIFE". THE INVESTIGATOR FOUND SILVA "USED PROFANITY" IN THE OFFICE. AND "PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN ATTEMPTING TO INTIMIDATE" SUBORDINATES DURING THE INVESTIGATION. WE TRIED TO REACH SILVA'S ATTORNEY FOR COMMENT. SILVA TOLD THE MERCURY NEWS HE IS STUNNED BY THE DECISION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/29/2007 REPORTED THAT REPUBLICANS ARE SPLIT IN THEIR REACTION TO THE SCANDALOUS ARREST OF IDAHO SENATOR LARRY CRAIG. SOME ARE CALLING FOR AN ETHICS INVESTIGATION, WHILE OTHERS ARE URGING VOTERS NOT TO ABANDON CRAIG. EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE SENATOR PLEADED GUILTY TO LESSER CHARGES OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT AFTER BEING ARRESTED IN A SEX STING AT AN AIRPORT BATHROOM. NOW, HE HAS SPOKEN OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME, INSISTING HE DID

NOTHING WRONG. THE THREE-TERM SENATOR IS UP FOR RE-ELECTION NEXT YEAR. ANALYSTS SAY THEY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF HE DOESN'T RUN OR EVEN STEPS DOWN FROM HIS SEAT IN THE SENATE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/30/2007 REPORTED THAT THE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WILL VOTE TODAY ON A PLAN TO REWORK ALMOST ALL OF ITS BUS ROUTES. THE V.T.A. IS CONSIDERING ELIMINATING SEVEN ROUTES, MERGING OTHERS, AND INCREASING SERVICE ON THE MOST POPULAR LINES. THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS HAS DROPPED BY MORE THAN 50 THOUSAND PEOPLE IN THE PAST SIX YEARS. IN 2001, 152 THOUSAND PEOPLE TOOK THE BUS ON WEEKDAYS. BY THIS SUMMER, THAT NUMBER FELL TO JUST OVER 99 THOUSAND.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/30/2007 REPORTED THAT A SHOWDOWN OVER SECRET SPYING TAKES CENTER STAGE AT THE FEDERAL APPEALS COURT IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY. VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS AND THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION WILL ARGUE FOR THE DISMISSAL OF LAWSUITS FILED BY THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (A.C.L.U.) AND SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS. THEY ARE CONCERNED VERIZON IS HELPING THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY WITH WARRANTLESS SURVEILLANCE OF PHONE CALLS AND EMAILS. THE GOVERNMENT SAYS THE CASES SHOULD BE THROWN OUT BECAUSE THE SUBJECT MATTER INVOLVES STATE SECRETS THAT WOULD HURT NATIONAL SECURITY IF REVEALED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 08/30/2007 REPORTED THAT THE LIST OF REPUBLICANS CALLING FOR THE RESIGNATION OF IDAHO SENATOR LARRY CRAIG IS STEADILY GROWING. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN, IS AMONG THOSE URGING CRAIG TO STEP DOWN. HE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM HIS LEADERSHIP POSITION ON SEVERAL SENATE COMMITTEES. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE THREE TERM SENATOR. CRAIG PLEADED GUILTY TO LESSER CHARGES EARLIER THIS MONTH, AFTER BEING ARRESTED IN A SEX STING IN A MINNEAPOLIS AIRPORT BATHROOM. HE SPOKE OUT TUESDAY SAYING HE DID NOTHING WRONG AND HIS GUILTY PLEA WAS A MISTAKE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/04/2007 REPORTED THAT HUNDREDS OF PROTESTERS ARE CALLING FOR THE UNITED STATES TO REFORM ITS IMMIGRATION POLICIES. THEY TOOK THEIR DEMANDS TO THE STREETS OF SAN JOSE. SOME 300 PEOPLE MARCHED TO SAN JOSE CITY HALL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. THEY DEDICATED THE MARCH TO CHILDREN BORN IN THE US WHOSE PARENTS HAVE BEEN DEPORTED BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS. THE DEPORTATIONS FORCE CHILDREN WHO ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS BY BIRTH TO BE LEFT IN AMERICA WITHOUT THEIR PARENTS. MORE RALLIES ARE PLANNED IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/04/2007 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH IS IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA WHERE HE IS SET TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER LATER TODAY. PRESIDENT BUSH IS IN AUSTRALIA FOR AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT WITH TWENTY-ONE ASIA-PACIFIC NATIONS LATER THIS WEEK. HE IS EXPECTED TO SPEND MUCH OF WEDNESDAY MEETING WITH AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN HOWARD, ONE OF HIS FEW REMAINING

STAUNCH SUPPORTERS OF THE WAR IN IRAQ. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO HOLD A JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE AROUND SIX THIS EVENING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/06/2007 REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SHARED HIS THOUGHTS ABOUT A NUMBER OF UPCOMING ISSUES. HE SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT AN INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT THAT WOULD CALL FOR TROOPS TO COME HOME FROM IRAQ, BUT HE SAID WASHINGTON ALREADY KNOWS CALIFORNIANS ARE AGAINST THE WAR AND THE NONBINDING RESOLUTION WILL NOT CHANGE POLICY. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT SAY WHETHER HE WOULD VETO THE BILL. THE GOVERNOR DID SUGGEST HE WOULD VETO A GAY MARRIAGE BILL. HE ALSO SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF BANNING TEENAGERS FROM USING A CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING. HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT HOLLYWOOD AND HIS THOUGHTS ABOUT HIS ROLE IN THE SIMPSON'S MOVIE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/06/2007 REPORTED THAT A DEMOCRATIC FUNDRAISER IS ONCE AGAIN A WANTED MAN THIS MORNING. NORMAN HSU LOST HIS TWO MILLION DOLLAR BAIL YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN HE FAILED TO SHOW UP IN COURT. LAST FRIDAY IN SAN MATEO COUNTY, HSU TURNED HIMSELF IN AND POSTED A BOND FOR A FIFTEEN YEAR OLD GRAND THEFT CONVICTION. YESTERDAY'S HEARING WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME HSU WAS A NO SHOW. IN 1992 HE SKIPPED A HEARING WHERE HE WAS TO BE SENTENCED FOR DEFRAUDING INVESTORS, BUT HE DIDN'T GO INTO HIDING. HE LIVED A PUBLIC LIFE AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/06/2007 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH AND CHINESE PRESIDENT HU JINTAO SAT DOWN ONE ON ONE TODAY IN SYDNEY DURING THE APEC SUMMIT. THE TWO REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED CLIMATE CHANGE, THE SITUATION IN DARFUR, AND THE CONCERN OVER THE SAFETY OF CHINESE PRODUCTS. JINTAO ALSO EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE 2008 OLYMPICS IN BEIJING. PRESIDENT BUSH SAID TODAY, HE WILL ATTEND THE GAMES, BUT ONLY AS A SPORTS FAN. CRITICS OF CHINA ARE CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT OF THE OLYMPICS TO PROTEST HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/12/2007 REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO RECENTLY UNSEALED COURT DOCUMENTS, AN ANONYMOUS TIP TO THE FBI LED POLICE TO HSU IN COLORADO, AND THE WALL STREET JOURNAL SAYS HSU RECENTLY RECEIVED 40 MILLION DOLLARS FROM A MADISON AVENUE INVESTMENT FUND RUN BY JOEL ROSENMAN, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE WOODSTOCK ROCK FESTIVAL. HSU TOLD HIM THE MONEY WOULD BE USED TO MANUFACTURE APPAREL IN CHINA, ROSENMAN NOW SAYS THE 40 MILLION DOLLARS IS MISSING, HSU'S LAWYERS HAD NO COMMENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 10:00AM-11:00AM 09/12/2007 REPORTED THAT JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT, GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER VETOED A BILL TO PUT WITHDRAWING U.S. TROOPS FROM IRAQ ON THE NEXT STATE BALLOT. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION, BUT WOULD HAVE MADE CALIFORNIA THE FIRST STATE TO VOTE ON WHETHER PRESIDENT BUSH SHOULD IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW TROOPS. SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM DON PERATA